

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The president's message was submitted to congress, Monday afternoon, under the most favorable circumstances for a coup d'etat. But if newspaper accounts of the reception of that voluminous article be true the president's brilliant stroke of policy failed to materialize. Its exhaustive review of the circumstances and conditions leading up to the Hispano-American war is the most interesting and thrilling presentation of the facts and incidents connected with that unhappy occurrence.

The foreign relations of the country are next briefly referred to, and several international complications are disclosed which will require skill and experience to adjust without overstraining our diplomatic relations with the countries involved.

The most surprising information given in the message is the president's financial statement. The receipts and disbursements of the public revenues are clearly and tersely set forth in which it is shown that the disbursement of the government for the fiscal year, ending June 30th, 1898, exceeded its receipts \$38,047,247. This statement does not verify the claim that the Dingley tariff bill would be a panacea for all our financial ills.

Another important item in the message is the president's pronounced views on the financial policy of the government. He attributes the influx of foreign gold into the country as the immediate result of the gold standard, and congratulates the people on the successful operations of the system, and expresses the opinion that "it is here to stay."

According to the message the pension rolls of the government are not decreasing, as the people were led to suppose, but on the contrary the president calls attention to the fact that 18,000 new enrollments had been added to the list during the last fiscal year. This showing may not be very encouraging to a tax-burdened people, but it is an evidence that the government deals liberally with its soldier subjects.

In view of the greatly extended territorial limits of the country the president recommends that a regular army consisting of 100,000 men be maintained at the national expense, and that the united states navy be augmented in proportion to our importance as a maritime nation.

The message also refers to the czar of Russia's universal peace congress, which will convene in the city of Rome some time in the near future, and expresses the hope that its deliberations may result in the cessation of standing armies in Europe, but declines to take part in its proceedings or be governed by its conclusions on account of the embarrassing condition of our remote colonial possessions in the Pacific ocean.

We have given the substance of the message in order that the readers of the Journal may have some idea of its import.

Newspaper reports are to the effect that the document, although too voluminous, was to some extent disappointing to the friends of the president.

O'Bryan Overtimes.

After so long an absence we will come again.

Music, parties, dances and shooting matches seem to be all the go.

R. B. Lusher and wife visited relatives near Salisbury, Saturday and Sunday.

Marion Bolen spent Saturday and Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Nancy Bolen.

Farmer's are busy gathering their corn, which will not make more than half a crop.

Mrs. T. B. Wilson of Peoria, Mo., spent Sunday with P. S. Golden and wife.

The spelling at O'Bryan last Friday night was well attended, and all report a most enjoyable time.

The little daughter of Henry Davis was quite sick last week with sore throat, but is now better.

Mrs. Lee Cash, whose illness has been mentioned in the papers for some time, is still very sick.

Oddie Phillips has been confined to his room some two weeks with a sore foot, which he cut with an ax.

Benton Culbertson is confined to his bed with pneumonia fever. Dr. Knott is the attending physician.

We wonder what is Mr. O. H.'s attraction over this way, as he makes a trip about every night? Success to him.

We are informed that Clyde Smith, who left here last fall and went to Warsaw, Mo., to his father's, has purchased the M. D. Minor farm, near Eccles, for which he paid \$600.

J. A. Collet has moved his family out on the farm he bought of C. M. Compton. We welcome Mr. Collet and family to our midst and wish for them much happiness in their new home.

Real Estate Transfers.

Wm. H. Tufts and wife to Sarah M. Tufts, that part of the nw qr lying w and s of the Wabash railroad in 9-56-21, containing 90 acres, more or less; also the sw cor sw qr lying s and w of the Wabash railroad in 4-56-21, containing 17 acres, more or less. Consideration, \$1,500.

Thos. T. Elliott to Jas. L. Stacy, sw qr sw qr 34-54-18 except 10 feet off the w side and 20 feet off the s side of said tract, subject to a deed of trust to E. C. Rowse for \$1,000. Consideration, \$2,200.

James W. Davis and wife to Wm. W. Carlstead, sw qr ne qr 22-55-18, and 35 acres in the se qr nw qr 22-55-18. Consideration, \$1,500.

Wm. W. Carlstead to F. M. Welch, 35 acres in the se qr nw qr 22-55-18. Consideration, \$600.

Wm. W. Carlstead to John Welch, sw qr ne qr 22-55-18. Consideration, \$600.

Wm. W. Carlstead to James W. and S. C. Davis, a lot of ground, described by metes and bounds, beginning at the se cor ne qr sw qr 24-55-18, subject to an incumbrance for \$400, which the said Wm. W. Carlstead agrees to satisfy. Consideration, \$1,100.

Mrs. A. V. Scott and Cyrus S. Scott, her husband, to T. T. Elliott, George Chapman and J. K. Robertson, trustees of the Keytesville Baptist church, 79 feet, e part of a tract of 175-100ths acres, the s p w hf se qr 33-54-18 as shown by a plat of the survey of Lisbon Applegate on file in the office of the clerk of the circuit court in a suit for the partition of the lands of Felix Redding, deceased, and known as lot 8 of said plat, except six feet off the e side of said 79 feet. Consideration, \$1,465.

John Deroche to Wm. W. Foster, se qr nw qr 4-56-21; also 10 acres in the sw qr ne qr nw qr 4-56-21; subject to a deed of trust for \$500 in favor of Mary J. Adams. Consideration, \$1,000.

Wm. W. Foster to Leroy L. Minor, lot 7 in block 26 in the town of Summit, subject to a deed of trust and interest thereon from August 21st, 1898, at eight per cent, per annum. Consideration, \$300.

Jay Fullbright and wife to George F. Clark, e hf e hf ne qr 34-54-21. Consideration, \$500.

A. G. Glaser and wife to Agnes B. Ruch, s 150 feet of lots 3 and 4 in block 4, Drinker's addition to the city of Brunswick. Consideration, \$700.

Tax Notice.

I am now ready to receive and receipt for taxes for the year 1898. Tax-books will be found in the hands of M. W. Anderson at the Bank of Keytesville.

M. W. FINNELL, Collector Keytesville Township.

Horses for Sale.

I have five head of yearling mules and a span of five-year-old mules, 16 hands high, for sale on my farm, three miles east of Keytesville.

JOHN J. FINNELL.

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Another Letter from Dr. Dewey.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 6th, 1898.

3216 Pine street.

TO THE COURIER:—I think my sight will soon be restored. I went to a Baptist church last Sunday, where an old lady informed me that she had been praying that I might receive my sight. By her prayers and the assistance of my doctor I shall certainly be cured.

Six men graduates from Yale college have been sent to St. Louis as missionaries. They preach somewhere in the city every day and night, and while listening to one of them last Sunday night I could not but wonder if he was one of the mob who insulted the greatest man in the nation two years ago; the man who stood up in the Chicago convention and said to the monopolists: "You shall not press down this crown of thorns upon the brow of labor. You shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold." The speaker claimed the object of the missionaries was to stir up the church to a better life. Can good come from New England? Nearly all the great reformers of this country were born south of the Mason and Dixon line.

Jonathan Edwards was a noted exception to this rule. His influence is still felt there to some extent. He not only believed but felt the doctrine he preached. To further the object of these missionaries all the orthodox churches are holding daily and nightly meetings.

Yesterday I went to Dr. Brooks' church (Presbyterian). There were eight or 10 preachers present and six sermons were delivered during the day and night. What will come of all this effort, I do not know; probably nothing. The church is pretty near as backslidden now as it was in the days of Martin Luther.

Indulgences are not sold now, as then. They are not auctioned off, but are permitted in all the churches. A man is not turned out of the church now unless he be guilty of a felony. A call to preach now means some financial agreement between the church and the preacher. Making money is the chief business of the men. Dress and style the chief thought of the women.

Can this state of affairs be remedied? The past history of the church shows this can be done only in one way. All reformations began by a return to the doctrines taught by Jesus Christ: "That good fruit can only be found on good trees; that mankind cannot serve God and mammon; that no unregenerated man could serve God."

Education cannot make a successful preacher of the gospel; men are not born preachers. The vast majority of the clergy are utter failures so far as the conversion of the world is concerned.

The Wesleys—Charles and John—are good examples of the effect of a man's preaching before and after his conversion. John Wesley came to the United States as a missionary to the Indians, and preached in Georgia for two years. This mission was a failure. After his return to England in his journal he says: "I, who went to America to convert the heathens, have never been converted myself." Further on in his journal he says: "I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldgate street, where I received undoubted evidence that my sins were all forgiven." Of his brother Charles, who was sick at the time with pleurisy, he said: "My brother Charles was cured of his pleurisy, and received remission of sins at the same hour."

Of the success of the Wesleys the world knows. These men were great lights, but their light now is but a flicker of a candle in the scket. That passage in the New Testament which says: "He that is born of God hath the witness in himself," is the touchstone of his spiritual condition. These words are in the present tense: "Let God be true and every man a liar."

In the Bowling Green practice there lives a man who is a member of the Methodist church, who informed me that for seven years after his conversion he never was for a moment without this witness, but that lately he had been speculating in tobacco and making money and had become worldly-minded, and this witness was now absent.

This is the history of the vast majority of the members of the Methodist church who are no more fit for heaven than the members of the Chicago board of trade.

P. S.—My daughter, who was very ill, and who I thought was dead, is now well, and is in the city.

While my daughters were at the barracks there was a funeral of a dead soldier, whose body was buried with military honors, though no tears were shed.



THE QUESTION OF THE HOUR

Christmas Thoughts

Again the joyful Christmas tide is almost upon us; again each individual mind is occupied with thoughts of what to get and what to give; again we are preparing to meet the demand in our line by presenting a holiday display which embraces the latest and best of everything in the line of

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